

REMARKS

The Applicant has reviewed and amended some of the claims as needed to correct a number of informalities including those cited by the Examiner. Accordingly, the Applicant requests that the Examiner withdraw claim rejections under U.S.C. 112 cited in the Final Office Action of January 11, 2005.

The Examiner also rejected a number of claims under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent 6,128,504 issued to Ciccone in view of U.S. Patent 6,463,129 issued to Park. With regards to the Ciccone reference, a cordless telephone arranged for operating with multiple portable units in a frequency hopping system is described. In particular, and most importantly at column 15 line 65 -67,

"At this point, the base unit is hopping and doting until one, or two, of the handset units answer the incoming call..." (emphasis added).

In contrast to Ciccone, the invention provides a cordless telephone system having a base station and a number of mobile units arranged such that only one mobile unit at a time can answer an incoming call. In particular, claim 1 recites,

"... determining if one of the plurality of mobile units, as a callee, desires to initiate a conversation with the caller based upon the incoming message setting the base station to a standard mode when it is determined that one of the plurality of mobile units desires to converse with the caller; and initiating the conversation only between the callee and the caller"

In this way, the invention as recited in claim 1 precludes the possibility that more than one of the plurality of mobile units can be designated as the callee in contrast to Ciccone.

Therefore, the Applicant believes that claim 1 and any claims dependent thereof are not rendered obvious by the cited references taken singly or in any combination.

Claims 10 – 19 recited essentially the same limitations as does claims 1 – 9 albeit in the form of computer program product and are therefore, the Applicant believes are also allowable for at least the reasons stated above.

CONCLUSION

Applicant believes that all pending claims are allowable and respectfully requests a Notice of Allowance for this application from the Examiner.

Respectfully requested,

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